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In re Application of: Koji Matsuo et al.

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For: SYNTHETIC QUARTZ GLASS ARTICLE AND PROCESS ETC...

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2006, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.